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FOR: SELF-EXTINGUISHING RECOMBINASES, NUCLEIC ACIDS

ENCODING THEM AND METHODS OF USING SAME

MAIL STOP RCE

Commissioner for Patents May 1, 2008

P.O. Box 1450 Boston, Massachusetts

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.114

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Enclosed herein are the following:

- 1. Amendment and Response (9 pgs);
- 2. Check No. 25542 in the amount of \$405.00 to cover request for continued examination;
- 3. Return Postcard.

Included with this request are the required elements of 1) a request (this document); 2) a submission; and 3) a fee. The submission provided is an Amendment and Response. With such a timely filed request, submission and fee, Applicants request that the amendment should be entered and the finality of the Action should be withdrawn.

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No additional fees are believed due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 20363-011CON. A duplicate copy of this Transmittal is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FEBRUARY 5, 2008 FINAL OFFICE ACTION

This paper is in response to the Final Office Action mailed February 5, 2008. Applicants also submit herewith a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 and the required fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e). This response is due on or before May 5, 2008. Applicants believe no additional fees are due with this response. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 20363-011 CON.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks are shown starting on page 5 of this paper.